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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

March 15, 2004

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Second Floor
Boston, MA 02110

RE: D.T.E. 04-33, *Petition of Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreements between Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers in Massachusetts Pursuant to Section 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Triennial Review Order*

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Please find the attached original and five (5) copies of the Motion for an Extension of Time to respond to the Memorandum of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy issued on March 10, 2004.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin L. Smith
Attorney for Qwest Communications Corporation

cc: Tina Chin (via Email)

Enclosure

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

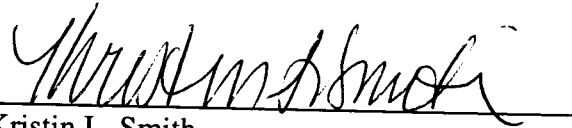
In accordance with 220 CMR 1.04(5), Qwest Communications Corporation submits this Motion for Extension of Time in the above-captioned matter to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"). On March 10, 2004, Tina W. Chin, Hearing Officer at the Department issued a Memorandum directing Qwest Communications Commission to provide a response to the *Petition of Verizon New England, Inc.d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreements between Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers in Massachusetts Pursuant to Section 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Triennial Review Order* ("Verizon Petition").

In this Motion, Qwest requests a brief extension of time to respond to the Verizon Petition. There was technical difficulty opening the original email from Hearing Officer Chin, and a readable version was not received by Qwest until today, March 15, 2004. Likewise, Qwest only recently received of Verizon's intention to modify its interconnection agreements pursuant

to the FCC's *Triennial Review Order*. Qwest has no record of receiving Verizon's demand to initiate negotiations to modify its interconnection agreement with Qwest. Accordingly, Qwest has not had suitable opportunity to review the documents, in order to respond to the Verizon Petition. In addition, Qwest requires time to review the D.C. Circuit decision released on March 2, 2004 to determine what impact, if any, it has on Qwest's decision to participate in this Arbitration. For these reasons, Qwest respectfully requests until March 29, 2004 to provide its response to the Verizon Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

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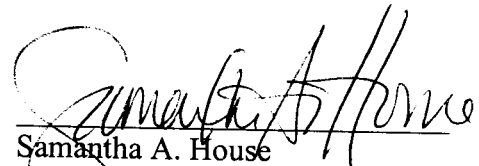
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the "Motion for an Extension of Time to Respond to the Memorandum of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy" via overnight mail, on this 15th day of March 2004, at Denver, Colorado.



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for Qwest Communications Corporation